

**DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1 (Canceled).

2 (Currently Amended). A ~~fastening~~ system for ~~implanting a fastener in a targeted endovascular region~~ comprising

at least one tissue-piercing fastener having a sharpened distal tip for piercing and penetrating tissue,

a fastener attachment assembly sized and configured to be deployed within the from a remote access site to a targeted endovascular region and the fastener attachment assembly including

an intraluminal directing device defining an access path and including a deflectable distal region, and

an intraluminal fastener applier separate from the intraluminal directing device and being sized and configured for introduction along the access path and including an actuated member that is selectively operable to generate an implantation force in an implantation force direction to implant a the tissue-piercing fastener into tissue by causing the sharpened distal tip to pierce and penetrate the tissue in the targeted endovascular region, and

means associated with the fastener attachment assembly for applying a resolving force in a direction different than the implantation force direction within the targeted endovascular region to resolve at least a portion of the implantation force within the targeted endovascular region.

3 (Currently Amended). A ~~fastening~~ system according to claim 1 or 2

wherein the means includes a stabilizing member carried by the intraluminal directing device and/or the intraluminal fastener applier.

4 (Currently Amended). A ~~fastening~~ system according to claim 3

wherein the stabilizing member includes a strut assembly.

5 (Currently Amended). A ~~fastening~~ system according to claim 3

wherein the stabilizing member includes a spring-loaded arm adapted for contact with tissue.

6 (Currently Amended). A ~~fastening~~ system according to claim 3

wherein the stabilizing member includes an expandable member adapted for contact with tissue.

7 (Currently Amended). A ~~fastening~~ system according to claim 3 wherein the stabilizing member includes a tissue grasping element.

8 to 20 (Canceled).

21 (Currently Amended). A ~~fastening~~ system according to claim ~~1~~ or 2 wherein the at least one tissue-piercing fastener comprises a helical fastener, and wherein the actuated member comprises a driven member for implanting a helical fastener.

22 (Canceled).

23 (Currently Amended). A ~~fastening~~ system according to claim ~~22~~ 2 wherein the intraluminal fastener applier ~~component~~ includes a catheter body that carries the actuated member, the catheter body having a column strength, and wherein the means includes, at least in part, the column strength of the catheter body.

24 to 30 (Canceled).

31 (Currently Amended). A ~~fastening~~ system according to claim ~~30~~ 2 wherein the ~~guide component~~ intraluminal directing device has a column strength, and

wherein the means includes, at least in part, the column strength of the ~~guide component~~ intraluminal directing device.

32 to 37 (Canceled).

38 (Currently Amended). A method for ~~implanting a fastener in a hollow body cavity~~ repairing a diseased or damaged section of an aorta comprising the steps of  
deploying in a hollow body organ a fastener attachment assembly that includes an  
(i) providing a system as defined in claim 2  
(ii) introducing the intraluminal directing device from a remote access site to a location within a prosthesis that has been deployed at a target site in an aorta where the diseased or damaged section exists;

(iii) establishing the access path to a desired fastening site on the prosthesis by manipulating the intraluminal directing device within the prosthesis to orient the distal region with respect to the desired fastening site;

(iv) introducing the intraluminal fastener applier along the access path to the desired fastening site; and

(v) anchoring the prosthesis by operating the actuated member that is selectively operable to generate an implantation force to implant a tissue-piercing fastener into tissue within the hollow body organ; and

applying at the desired fastening site while the means applies a resolving force at or near the actuated member to resolve within the targeted site with an aorta at least a portion of the implantation force within the hollow body organ.

39 (Canceled).

40 (New). A method according to claim 38

wherein (iii) includes rotating the intraluminal directing device and/or deflecting the distal region.

41 (New). A method according to claim 38

wherein the prosthesis includes at least one self-expanding scaffold, and

wherein (ii) comprises releasing the prosthesis from constraint to permit the at least one scaffold of the prosthesis to self-expand at the target site.

42 (New). A method according to claim 38

wherein the prosthesis includes at least one malleable scaffold, and

wherein (ii) comprises applying a radially expansive force within the prosthesis to cause expansion of the at least one scaffold.

43 (New). A method according to claim 38

wherein the intraluminal directing device includes a passage that defines the access path, and

wherein (iv) includes introducing the intraluminal fastener applier through the passage to the desired fastening site.

44 (New). A method according to claim 43

wherein the passage comprises an interior lumen.

45 (New). A system according to claim 2 wherein the intraluminal directing device includes a passage that defines the access path, and

wherein the intraluminal fastener applier is sized and configured for introduction through the passage.

46 (New). A system according to claim 45 wherein the passage comprises an interior lumen.

47 (New). A system according to claim 2 wherein the actuated member generates a rotational implantation force.

48 (New). A system according to claim 2 wherein the resolving force is in a direction generally opposed to the implantation force.